

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device (1) for preparing for the implantation of a joint implant, with a base body (5), having a first claw (6) with a distal bearing surface (7) which rests on a first bone, and a second claw (13) which rests, with a proximal bearing surface (10), against a second bone, the second claw (13) being displaceable parallel to the first claw (6), ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a cutting jig (2) can be placed onto mounts (4) of the base body (5) of the ligament-tensioning device (1).
2. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cutting jig (2) has ~~projections (30) of U-shaped design~~ projections with slots (31).
3. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the projections (30) of the cutting jig (2) can be brought into engagement with the mounts (4).
4. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of Claims Claim 1 to 3,~~ wherein the cutting jig (2) can be is fixed to the mounts by means of a locking element (3).
5. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of Claims Claim 1 to 4,~~ wherein the mounts (4) comprise catches (32).

6. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the catches (32) are equidistant.

7. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 5 or 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cutting jig (2) is displaceable on the mounts (4) in a catching manner.

8. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of Claims Claim 1 to 7~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first claw (6) and the second claw (13) are displaceable parallel to one another by means of a parallel-displacement device (12).

9. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a first scale (33) is provided on a component (35) connecting the second claw (13) to the parallel-displacement device (12).

10. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a second scale (34) is provided on the base body (5).

11. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first and second scales (33; 34) can be brought into coincidence so that the height of an implant to be inserted into the joint to be treated can be preset.

12. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of~~ Claims Claim 1 to 11, characterised in that, wherein the cutting jig (2) has a cylindrical guide (36).

13. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 12, characterised in that, wherein an aligning jig (48) can be introduced into the cylindrical guide (36).

14. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 13, characterised in that, wherein the aligning jig (48) can be fixed to the second bone by means of a bone nail (51).

15. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of~~ Claims Claim 1 to 14, characterised in that, wherein the cutting jig (2) has a saw guide (37).

16. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of~~ Claims Claim 1 to 15, characterised in that, wherein a drilling jig (53) can be fitted onto the ligament-tensioning device (1).

17. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 16, characterised in that, wherein the drilling jig (53) can be placed onto the mounts (4) of the base body (5).

18. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to ~~one of Claims Claim 1 to 17, characterised in that, wherein~~ the ligament-tensioning device (1) is ~~designed as a bilateral ligament-tensioning device (1).~~

19. (Currently Amended) Ligament-tensioning device according to Claim 18, ~~characterised in that, wherein~~ the ligament-tensioning device (1) has a force indicator (25).

20. (Currently Amended) Procedure for preparing a joint for the implantation of a joint implant by means of a ligament-tensioning device (1) with cutting jig (2), the ligament-tensioning device (1) comprising a base body (5), having a first claw (6) with a distal bearing surface (7) which rests on a first bone, and a second claw (13) which rests, with a proximal bearing surface (10), against a second bone, the second claw (13) being displaceable parallel to the first claw (6), and the cutting jig (2) being able to be placed onto mounts (4) of the base body (5) of the ligament-tensioning device (1), ~~with the following procedure~~ comprising the steps of:

- carrying out a distal femur osteotomy while simultaneously tensioning the ligaments by means of the ligament-tensioning device (1),
- carrying out a dorsal femur osteotomy while simultaneously tensioning the ligaments by means of the ligament-tensioning device (1), and
- carrying out femoral oblique cuts while simultaneously tensioning the ligaments by means of the ligament-tensioning device (1).

21. (Currently Amended) Procedure according to Claim 20, ~~characterised~~
~~in that, wherein~~ the joint implant is a knee joint implant which is implanted into the
tibia (40) and the femur (38).

22. (Currently Amended) Procedure according to Claim 20 ~~or 21~~,
~~characterised in that, wherein~~ the first procedure step comprises the following
substeps of:

- premounting the cutting jig (2) on the ligament-tensioning device (1),
- setting the desired thickness of the implant,
- introducing the ligament-tensioning device (1) into the knee joint gap
(43),
- spreading the ligament-tensioning device (1) with a predetermined
force,
- introducing a feeler gauge (45) into a saw guide (37) of the cutting jig
(2),
- checking the distal femur cutting path,
- carrying out the distal femur osteotomy by means of a saw (47) passed
through the saw guide (37) of the cutting jig (2),
- removing the ligament-tensioning device (1) from the knee joint gap
(43),
- demounting the cutting jig (2),
- reintroducing the ligament-tensioning device (1) into the knee joint gap
(43), and
- checking the width of the knee joint gap (43) by means of scales s
present on the ligament-tensioning device (1).

23. (Currently Amended) Procedure according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 20 to 22, characterised in that, wherein the second procedure step comprises the following substeps of:

- flexing the leg,
- premounting the cutting jig (2) on the ligament-tensioning device (1),
- introducing the ligament-tensioning device (1) into the knee joint gap (43),
- spreading the ligament-tensioning device (1) with a predetermined force,
- pushing the aligning jig (48) for the dorsal femur cut into a cylindrical guide (49) of the cutting jig (2),
- displacing the aligning jig (48) up against the distal femur surface (50),
- adjusting the lower leg until the aligning jig (48) rests evenly against the distal femur surface (50),
- fixing the aligning jig (48) to the distal femur surface (50) by means of a bone nail (51),
- dorsal femur osteotomy,
- removing the bone nail (51),
- removing the ligament-tensioning device (1) from the knee joint gap (43),
- demounting the cutting jig (2),
- removing the dorsal osteophytes,
- reintroducing the ligament-tensioning device (1) into the knee joint gap (43), and

- checking the width of the knee joint gap (43) by means of scales (33, 34) present on the ligament-tensioning device (1).

24. (Currently Amended) Procedure according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 20 to 23, characterised in that, wherein the third procedure step comprises the following substeps of:

- mounting a drilling jig (53) for an oblique-cutting jig (57) as far as it will go on the ligament-tensioning device (1),
 - introducing the ligament-tensioning device (1) into the knee joint gap (43),
 - pushing two drilling sleeves (54) through the drilling jig (53) up to the distal femur surface (50),
 - spreading the ligament-tensioning device (1) with a predetermined force,
 - pushing the aligning jig (48) for the dorsal femur cut into a cylindrical guide (55) of the drilling jig (53),
 - displacing the aligning jig (48) up against the distal femur surface (50),
 - adjusting the lower leg until the aligning jig (48) rests evenly against the distal femur surface (50),
 - drilling two holes (56) in the distal femur surface (50),
 - removing the ligament-tensioning device (1) from the knee joint gap (43),
 - pushing the chosen oblique-cutting jig (57) into the two holes (56),
 - resecting the ventral oblique cut up to the mark (42),
- and

- resecting the dorsal oblique cut.